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Military Information from Eberswalde

EVALUATION

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

1. From 6 to 11 January, the eastern section of the Artillerie Kaserne in Eberswalde was occupied to capacity by an estimated 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia or motor transport insignia. At 9:30 a.m. on 8 January, 3 officers and about 160 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia who carried light field pack and were armed with rifles and sub-machine guns left the installation. [redacted] Bad Freienwalde. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen at the installation.

2. From 6 to 11 January, the western section of the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity by an estimated 2,000 soldiers wearing either red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia or motor transport insignia or black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Soldiers were drilling in the barracks yard at 10 a.m. on 8 January. Motor vehicles seen at the installation [redacted]

3. Prior to 11 January, the MEW at the Kleinstaedterbahnhof railroad station was still occupied by about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport or signal insignia. On 11 January, 24 new trucks, 2 radio trucks, 2 tank trucks and 2 kitchen trucks were seen in the temporary shed in the yard. Trucks [redacted] were seen entering and leaving the installation. A new bunker, 6 x 10 meters, was built at the AA emplacement in forest section 19. On 8 January, it was occupied by 3 officers and 12 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets or red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia.²

4. [redacted]

5. Motor vehicles transporting soldiers for medical treatment to the hospital on the Oderberger Strasse or hauling medicines [redacted]

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- 25X1 6. From 20 December to 3 January, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 3,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia and other soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. At 10 a.m. on 23 December, about 100 soldiers were seen drilling while about 40 soldiers strung telephone lines and constructed a telephone exchange. No training activity was noticed in the area of the installation in the afternoon on 2 January. Rocket launchers [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were seen entering and leaving the installation.⁴
- 25X1 7. From 13 to 17 December, the wood camp in Britz was occupied by about 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. At noon on 13 December, four groups each of about 50 soldiers were seen leaving the camp toward Britz. Trucks [redacted] towing 37-mm AA guns were seen leaving the camp.⁵ 25X1
- 25X1 8. On 15 December, the Deutsche Notenbank in Potsdam, on orders of Unit [redacted] remitted [redacted] to the fish section of the DHZ provisions 24,110 eastmarks. Soviet main depot Eisenspalterei [redacted] remitted various amounts to a number of offices. 25X1
- 25X1 9. From 27 December to 13 January, the barracks camp on Breitscheid Strasse was occupied by about 120 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Six groups each of 8 to 10 soldiers were seen drilling with rifles on 10 January. Truck [redacted] carrying 27 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and towing a four-wheel trailer for lumber was seen entering the installation on 12 January. Barracks buildings Nos 2, 3, and 4 were fully lighted at nightfall while only one wing of barracks building No 1 which source believed was an administrative building and only one third of barracks building No 5 were lighted. Four soldiers worked on telephone poles near the guard house on 13 January. Eight to 10 trucks were in the parking lot.⁶ Units picking up items at the Eberswalde dairy during the period under review included: the Hakhilov unit with truck [redacted] probably from Bernau; depot No 2 with truck [redacted] which was seen for the first time; Unit Deka with truck [redacted] section No 5 with trucks [redacted] Unit Vorobyev with truck [redacted] Camp Britz with truck [redacted] and Unit Chernik of the air force in Finow with truck [redacted] 25X1
10. Prior to 20 January 1953, the Schuetzen Kaserne quartered about 3,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia or motor transport insignia and the headquarters building quartered an estimated 1,000 soldiers. Four to 6 trucks, each towing a 37-mm AA gun, a radio truck, 8 trucks [redacted] and 1 field kitchen with 120 to 140 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation at 9:45 p.m. on 13 January. At 10:45 a.m. 25X1

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on 14 January, bus [] carrying desks and occupied by 12 officers, 25X1
radio truck [] and armored personnel carriers Nos 25 and 27 each 25X1
occupied by 3 to 4 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen
leaving the installation toward the town. At 9 a.m. on 17 January, four
trucks each towing a 37-mm AA gun and truck [] each occupied by 10 25X1
soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with billeting equipment and
mattresses entered the installation coming from the direction of Finow. At
8:30 a.m. on 20 January, 20 to 25 trucks [] 25X1
[] each towing one 85-mm AA gun, 25X1
8 to 10 trucks [] each towing a searchlight, 50 to 60 25X1
trucks [] 25X1
[] carrying ammunition and equipment, field 25X1
kitchens [] tank 25X1
truck [] and a total of about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black 25X1
epaulets with artillery insignia and motor transport insignia entered the
installation coming from the direction of Angermuender Chaussee. At 10 a.m.,
these trucks were followed by 5 trucks [] 25X1
[] each carrying 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black 25X1
epaulets and, at 11 a.m., by 5 trucks with equipment including truck
[] which, [] was a radio truck.⁴ 25X1

11. Prior to 20 January, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity by an
estimated 4,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank
and artillery insignia. At 3:15 p.m. on 12 January, two JS 3 tanks were seen
entering the installation. Jeep [] tank truck [] kitchen 25X1
truck [], 8 trucks [] with 25X25X1
equipment, trucks [] each occupied by 25 officers wearing
red-bordered black epaulets and 3 trucks [] 25X1
carrying equipment entered the installation at 11 a.m. on 14 January. At
2 p.m. on 16 January, two armored scout cars including scout car [] 25X1
entered the installation. One armored scout car towed an armored personnel
carrier.¹
12. At 9:45 a.m. on 1 January, a column of 15 trucks, each carrying a pontoon
and a life preserver, and including crane truck [] and 5 trucks 25X1
carrying bridge building equipment [] 25X1
[] was seen moving toward Trammer Chaussee coming from the direction
of Finow. At 11:30 a.m., the column was followed by 5 trucks including 25X1
1 carrying a pontoon and 4 trucks carrying bridge building equipment. [] 25X1
[] All trucks were occupied by a driver and an 25X1
assistant driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets. At 2 p.m. on 17
January, 15 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets loaded nine
pontoons at the Eberswalde freight station and then left toward Kupferhammer-
weg on truck [] 25X1
1. [] Comment. The information indicates no changes in the occupation of the 25X1
Artillerie Kaserne prior to 20 January 1953. The last report was in December
1952. [] motor vehicle [] mentioned belong 25X1
to the 6th Gds Mecz Div.
2. [] Comment. It is believed that the MEW still quarters the headquarters 25X1
of the 63d AAA Div (US). [] The observation [] 25X1
[] of the XVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps at this installation is of 25X1
interest. [] 25X1

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3. [redacted] Comment. Motor vehicles of various units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and the air force were seen entering and leaving the ration supply depot on Kupferhammerweg and en route to the hospital and the dairy. In paragraph 9, [redacted] the Hakhilov unit which probably belongs to the unidentified army artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Bernau, the Unit Deka to a headquarters unit of the army and Unit Vorobyev and Chernik to the air force. [redacted] unit in Potsdam in connection with financial transactions in 1952 [redacted] as an unidentified unit in Polotsk, Bielo-Russia. [redacted] the commercial section of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. The information indicates no changes in the occupation of the Schuetzen Kaserne until 20 January 1953. The last report was [redacted] of the 63d AAA Div (US) have been carried in this barracks installation. [redacted] the movements of AAA units belong to the afore mentioned division except for [redacted] which have been believed to belong to the 43d Gds Army Arty Brig and/or 38th Army AT Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army. The light AA guns observed on 13 January, belong to the 32d AAA Div (US). [redacted] the 63d AAA Div (US) [redacted] it does not appear plausible that, vehicles of the artillery brigade in Altenburg should have appeared with AA guns of the Eighth Gds Army in Eberswalde. Motor vehicles of the Eighth Gds Army were observed at the army clothing depot at Bernau in mid-November 1952. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] Motor vehicles of the Eighth Gds Army possibly appeared in the area of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army because the Eighth Gds Army appeared to have too many vehicles during the allocation in the summer of 1952 and had to turn these vehicles over to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army during the winter of 1952/1953 [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] This would also account for the fact that, after a short period, the vehicles of the Eighth Gds Army were no longer observed in Bernau. This hypothesis will be verified if, after a certain period of time [redacted] 25X1
5. [redacted] Comment. The wood camp in Britz is still believed occupied by light and medium units of the 63d AAA Div (US). [redacted] 25X1
6. [redacted] Comment. As in the summer of 1952, the barracks camp on Breitscheid Strasse is probably still occupied by a signal unit of the GOFG or the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The building numbers are keyed to sketches which are not available. 25X1
7. [redacted] Comment. The columns belong to units of the 3d Engr Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which also performed the loading operation. The latter was previously reported [redacted] 25X1

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